

**CCMGA MEETING AGENDA**  
**November 9, 2021**  
**CLANTON RECREATION CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER – Pat Farmer at 9:20 a.m. Pat welcomed members, intern and guest.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Pat Farmer recognized October birthdays: Faye Collins, Sondra Henley, Lindy Helton, Sharon Hosch, Rick Miller and Robin Cagle.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE – Larry Jones and Jerry Farmer. Larry talked about the beauty of fall trees, cooler temps, birds singing and how blessed we are. After the pledge, Larry thanked veterans for their service to the United States and our freedoms.

FINANCES –October:

\$9,899.27 Beginning Balance

\$9,860.62 Ending Balance.

\$565.00 – deposits

\$205.13 – credit card

\$196.24 – withdrawals/checks

\$ 38.65 – outstanding checks

PROGRAM – Bionca Lindsey, advanced master gardener in Autauga County. **HOSTAS** originated in China and are not native plant. 10,000 different varieties. They are classified as a shrub, requires little sun, and needs moist, well drained soil. There are numerous Hosta groups on Facebook for additional educational resources. Characteristics of hostas: they are of the lily family, bloom, poison to dogs and cats, considered a friendship plant because they are so easy to divide and share with others. Very tolerate and can hardly kill them. They are classified according to size, shape, color and substance (what you feel). An unfurling happens in spring when the plant comes back and produces new leaves for the season. Leaves die back in winter and may be left alone for new growth to appear in spring. You can eat hostas which is like asparagus when they start to come up. The number of veins in hostas represents maturity. Their blooms are known as pollinators for hummingbirds and bees, flower arrangements, and fragrance. If you cut, it will never bloom nor have seeds for propagation. Three types of blooms: funnel, bell and spider. If plant does not bloom in shade, try moving to a sunnier area. Things to consider for hostas: 1) location, 2) moisture and mulch, 3) divide when get to large, 4) fertilize (any type will do like 10-10-10 but do not use slow release fertilize in container garden), 5) plant wide, not deep for air circulation.

2022 OFFICER NOMINATIONS – Susan Cleckler. Susan thanked her team: Lanell Baker, Diane Clapp, and Alan Reed for their assistance. Nominees are: Pat Farmer-President, Gail Brooks-vice President, Lyn Webb-Treasurer, and Treasia Bennett-Secretary. Pat Farmer asked for nominees from the membership. None were suggested. Pat asked for a vote to accept the nominees. The vote passed.

AMGA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – Harriett Jackson. Harriett informed us of a presentation by Roger Clark on the new Transformation Garden at Auburn University. The garden consists of 16 acres and will be the largest classroom. You can volunteer to work at the garden. Donations are being solicited. County Master Gardeners Associations are paying for the paving of a walkway called “Master Gardener Way”. There is a YouTube presentation by Dr. Lane on the Transformation Garden. You can go to the ACES homes page and search for gardening for more information on the Transformation Garden. Matthew Durdin gave an update on the Alabama Farm Center in Chilton. The project is still on but was delayed due to elections of Clanton mayor and getting him up to speed on the project. The project has faced political setbacks. Mr. Durdin said the facility could be booked solid with dog, cat and horse shows which will bring people from all over the state of Alabama and surrounding states. Lyn Webb informed of a new website for AMGA.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON –Treasia Bennett discussed the upcoming Christmas Luncheon on December 14, 2021, at the Clanton Recreational Center at 11:30. A signup sheet was on the table along with foil pans for the food items. A signup sheet for who is coming was passed around to get a head count. Signup sheet was provided for setup at 9:30 and cleanup afterwards. Dirty Santa will be played after lunch. Gift items should be of gardening and cost around \$10.

MG INTERN CLASS – Trisha Williams. The 2022 intern class will be in a Zoom format again this year, but Chilton is offering in person classes at the ACES office. Trisha showed new flyer for class information and registration. She asked members to share flyer and word of mouth which have resulted in most attendees. The fees have increased to \$200.00 but you can save \$50 by an early bird registration before December 19, 2021. The classed are from February 3 – May 5, 2022, on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.

DEMO GARDEN – Sharon Hosch. Sharon was not at the meeting due to losing her voice. Trisha Williams gave an update for workday on Wednesday, November 10, for pruning and cleanup of garden areas. A group of interns from Autauga and Chilton counties visited the CREC and Demo Garden on Thursday.

EXTENSION OFFICE LANDSCAPE – Gail Brooks. Winter workdays for this project are changing to first and third Mondays at 9:00.

MEMBER PHOTO DIRECTORY – Pat Farmer and Trisha Williams. The photos in the directory will be the photos of the members online. You can update your photo online or send to Trisha to post photo. Directory will have color photos. This project will not occur until 2022 so that it can be budgeted.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Trisha Williams asked if anyone who has paid 2022 dues have not received membership card to get with her.
- Sondra Henley passed out cards for membership comments on the local master gardeners and Alabama Master Gardeners Associations for input for concerns.
- Pat Farmer shared some projects for consideration in 2022 such as the Swedish Fest and Trail of Trees in Maplesville for Christmas. Many feel we need to have community projects and support our communities and be seen in our communities.

ADJOURNMENT – Pat Farmer dismissed the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

#### Members Present:

26 members

2 guests (Keith Brooks, Nelson Wynn)

1 intern (Katrina Cantrell)

29 total